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IN REPLY PLEASE
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**BOARD APPROVAL TO UTILIZE
TESORO DEL VALLE'S REGIONAL TRAFFIC SURCHARGE FUNDS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the Golden Valley/Soledad Canyon Road interchange project provides regional traffic benefits.
2. Approve the expenditure of \$1,000,000 for the Golden Valley/Soledad Canyon Road interchange project from the Road Guarantee Trust Fund.
3. Instruct the Director of Public Works to transfer \$1,000,000 from the Road Guarantee Trust Fund to the City of Santa Clarita to help finance the Golden Valley/Soledad Canyon Road interchange project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

On October 27, 1998, your Board indicated its intent to approve the Tesoro del Valle development project located in the Santa Clarita Valley (Supervisory District 5). In addition to the payment of Valencia Bridge and Major Thoroughfare (B&T) fees, the developer was conditioned to pay a \$5,000-per-unit surcharge for "other regional traffic needs."

The Director of Public Works was instructed to report back to your Board after consulting with the City of Santa Clarita and other parties on proposals for the use of the surcharge funds. Public Works submitted the enclosed report dated January 26, 1999, listing potential projects. On May 18, 1999, your Board approved the Tesoro del Valle development. In the four and one half years since that report, some of the listed projects have been constructed by developers as a condition of approval or otherwise funded with B&T District fees. There were no Tesoro del Valle Regional Surcharge Funds available at the time the constructed projects needed funding. The Golden Valley/Soledad Canyon Road interchange project was not listed in that report because it was not viable due to unsecured funding needs from other sources beyond the B&T District. Since that time, the City of Santa Clarita has secured the majority of the additional funding, and this is now one of the highest priority projects in the region.

The \$5,000-per-unit traffic surcharge is required to be paid by the developer prior to final map recordation. \$4.43 million has been collected from 8 recorded final maps within the Tesoro del Valle development project between October 24, 2002, and May 28, 2003. As a result of previously identified projects being built with other funds, surplus Tesoro del Valle Regional Traffic Surcharge Funds are available for the Golden Valley/Soledad Canon Road interchange project. None of these funds have been spent to date. Since 1,791 homes are approved for the entire Tesoro del Valle project, a total of \$8.955 million could be collected for regional traffic improvements.

Public Works has maintained an ongoing dialogue with the City of Santa Clarita and continues to be open to input from other parties in the region. There is a great need for additional funding sources beyond the Bridge and Major Thoroughfare District funds to construct improvements to relieve congestion on Highway Plan routes and freeway interchanges within the Santa Clarita Valley.

At this point, the only portion of the Tesoro del Valle traffic surcharge proposed to be spent is this \$1 million participation for the Golden Valley Road/Soledad Canyon Road interchange project being constructed by the City of Santa Clarita. This \$31 million project is part of the Cross Valley Connector Route that will provide another highway crossing over the Santa Clara River, benefiting both unincorporated County and City residents.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility as the surcharge collected will provide funds to continue constructing our regional transportation projects in the Santa Clarita Valley. It also satisfies the goal of Service Excellence since constructing our regional road and bridge facilities provides traffic mitigation to residents, improving the quality of life for residents in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

All the revenues generated from the collected surcharge will be expended on regional traffic projects in the Santa Clarita Valley. The funds are deposited in the Road Guarantee Trust Fund as they are collected to ensure that they are not commingled with any other revenue. There will be no fiscal impact to the County's General Fund.

Sufficient funds will be available from the collected surcharge and other funding sources to finance the City's proposed improvements. This will have no impact on net County cost for the current or future fiscal years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County is in compliance with provisions of Government Code Section 66001 regarding fee as condition of approval. This additional highway route will help reduce incremental traffic impacts and congestion on existing roadways in the region caused by the Tesoro del Valle development.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the requested actions by your Board will help aid our ability to complete much needed regional roadway and bridge improvements to relieve traffic congestion within the Santa Clarita Valley.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one copy of the letter indicating your Board's action at the conclusion of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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Enc.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel



HARRY W. STONE, Director

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January 26, 1999

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Harry W. Stone
Director of Public Works

REPORT TO THE BOARD ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO TESORO DEL VALLE PROJECT SANTA CLARITA VALLEY - ITEM NO. 14, SYNOPSIS NO. 25

At the October 27, 1998 Board meeting, I was instructed to report back within 90 days as to the schedule for adopting the Valencia Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee (B&T) District and on the proposal for the use of the \$5,000 per unit surcharge to be provided by the applicant of the Tesoro Del Valle development.

The Valencia B&T District will be a joint district between the County and the City of Santa Clarita. The City of Santa Clarita adopted this District on January 12, 1999. We are in the review period for the environmental document to be used by the County for adoption and expect to bring this district to your Board for the setting of the date for Public Hearing in early March. Final district adoption by the Board should take place by the end of April (see attached schedule).

On the second matter, we received input from the City of Santa Clarita and one other party regarding recommendations for use of the \$5,000 per unit surcharge. This surcharge could result in a contribution of up to nearly \$9 million which would be collected over a period of several years as individual tracts within the project are recorded.

Attached is a list of projects that would be considered appropriate for funding based on the aforementioned input and our assessment on traffic circulation needs which can be related to the subject project.

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We plan to recommend funding the County's contribution for Castaic Cut-off Road and giving consideration to remaining projects on the list. Most of the projects on this list are conceptual in nature and have not been scoped out in detail, and therefore cost estimates cannot be provided at this time. We will continue to coordinate with the City to better define the projects on this attached list.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
Executive Office

bc: Planning (Witler)

**POTENTIAL PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED WITH
TESORO DEL VALLE SURCHARGE CONTRIBUTION**

Recommended Project

- 1) Castaic Cut-Off Road - San Francisquito Canyon Road to Lake Hughes Road - County contribution up to about \$5.5 million.

Additional Projects to be Considered for Funding

- 2) Extension of Copper Hill Drive from Haskell Canyon Road to Bouquet Canyon Road.
- 3) Bridges: Orchard Village at 16th Street, Bouquet Canyon Road south of Seco Canyon Road.
- 4) Contribution to the regional share of SR 126 and Magic Mountain interchange projects.
- 5) \$1.1 million for Transit - includes two additional buses to service the development.
- 6) Other unspecified bridges and bike lane projects on Decoro Drive, Copper Hill Drive, Seco Canyon Road, and Via Princessa.

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